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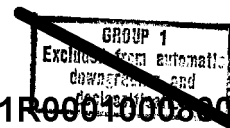
COLLECTION FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The initial build-up of the "getting started" information and files soon became inadequate to the need as the new research and production offices and operations components gathered momentum in the carrying out of their respective assigned missions. During the 1950s, there was urgent need to complement basic background knowledge with updated current intelligence. It was also necessary to avoid overtaxing the Agency's and the Community's overt and covert collection systems by attempting to satisfy requirements whenever possible with information available in any of the IAC and now ^{N-}IAC agencies in the Headquarters area.

Much of the needed information was in the possession of other agencies in the Washington area, eliminating the need for field collection. In most cases such information had not yet been identified by the holding agency as being responsive to Agency requirements, or had not been designated for dissemination to CIA. The problem was to locate and procure it.

OCR's Liaison Division, with its comprehensive system of operational contact in the IAC agencies and some sixty contacts with cleared officials in the non-IAC agencies, was the practical component to do the job.

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Contact arrangements with cleared officials in the non-IAC agencies were established and maintained for levying collection requirements and for "cut out" purposes in gathering various types of classified information of intelligence value. Similarly, Liaison Division's wide range of operational contacts among the IAC agencies, including their non-intelligence components, facilitated the coordinated "indirect" collection of information responsive to CIA customer requirements and requests.

The nature and scope of Agency requirements ranged from the broad economic, scientific, and technical fields of the DDI research and production offices to the operational support needs of DDP components.

As the Liaison officers located and "discovered" information responsive to Agency needs, ad hoc collection was effected or, if the material in question was available on a continuing basis, arrangements were made for copies to be forwarded to the CIA. For example, the

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[REDACTED]. Similarly, the Division arranged to obtain, on a continuing basis, copies of memoranda of conversation between members of the Offices of the Secretaries of Defense and the Air Force and visiting foreign officials.

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On the economic intelligence side, other information collected included: East-West Trade information on name and industrial intelligence, movement of commodities, and Trade Fair data (Department of Commerce); economic defense intelligence, cultural and sociological data on foreign areas, biographic information on foreign personalities, foreign language publications and photography (Foreign Operations Administration); East-West trade and international finance pertaining to name intelligence and movement of foreign and American capital (Foreign Assets Control and Office of International Finance, Department of the Treasury). The Department of Labor furnished information on International Trade Unions and labor conferences and movements, personalities, as well as studies on standards of living in foreign countries. The Department of Agriculture supplied reports and summaries of food production and disease in Sov-Bloc and other foreign countries.

In the scientific and technical intelligence field, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was a source of information on world health organizations and biographic data on health service personnel of foreign countries, including translations of foreign health documents and reports. Surveys and soundings on world-wide bases relating to guided

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missile data were furnished by the coast and geodetic survey, Department
of Commerce. [REDACTED]

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This type of indirect collection activity helped reduce the volume
of requests for field collection. It reflected the high degree of cooperation
extended by the respective agencies involved as well as the effectiveness of
good inter-Agency liaison relationships.

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